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FM AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1696

INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMCONSUL CASABLANCA

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

AMEMBASSY MADRID

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CONAKRY 0483

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV SS AG MO ET LY MR SP

SUBJECT: SEKOU TOURE POSITION ON SAHARA

REF: ALGIERS 0612

1. PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE TOLD AMBASSADOR MARCH 7 THAT SAHARA ISSUE WAS DIFFICULT FOR HIM BECAUSE OF GUINEA'S DESIRE MAINTAIN ITS PRESENTLY GOOD RELATIONS WITH RABAT AND NOUAKCHOTT AS WELL AS ALGIERS. HE FELT HE HAD BEEN MISLED IN DISCUSSIONS LAST JULY WITH OULD DADA AND A SENIOR MOROCCAN (PROBABLY LARAKI) WHEN HE HAD AGREED SUPPORT THEIR POSITION. SUBSEQUENTLY HE HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT SAHARANS WERE NOT REALLY BEING PERMITTED SELF DETERMINATION AND HE HAD CHANGED HIS VIEW (HE DID NOT ADD THAT CLOSENESS OF ALGERIAN/ GUINEAN TIES UNDOUBTEDLY INFLUENCED HIM).

2. SDAR FOREIGN MINISTER HAKIM IBRAHIM HAS BEEN GIVEN CORDIAL
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BUT NOT FULL RED CARPET TREATMENT IN CONAKRY, SPENDING MOST OF

HIS TIME IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH ALGERIAN AND LIBYAN AMBAS-
SADORS AND WITH PLO REP. HE WAS STILL HERE EVENING MARCH 8.
ALTHOUGH TOURE SAID CONFIDENTIALLY THAT HE INTENDS TO RECOGNIZE
SDAR, HE IS HESITATING AND DID NOT REFER TO SAHARA ISSUE IN
PUBLIC ADDRESS MARCH 8.

3. IN VIEW TOURE'S EMOTIONAL AND MORAL INVOLVEMENT WITH ANY
ISSUE HE DEFINES AS SELF-DETERMINATION, WOULD ANTICIPATE HIS
RECOGNITION OF SDAR BEFORE LONG.
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